

REMARKS

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the Application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the Application in view of the following remarks.

Applicants herein make a minor amendment to the specification to correct a typographical error of a contract number in the Government Rights section.

The Examiner has allowed claims 28, 30-38, 40 and 43-44. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject material.


Claims 1-9, 14-27 and 41-42 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,735,332 to Ritland et al. Claims 11-13 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ritland et al. Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. In the above amendment, these claims have been cancelled without prejudice merely to advance the prosecution of the subject application.

In the Response filed October 13, 2005, Applicants added new claims 45-65. The Examiner did not enter these claims. To expedite prosecution of the subject application, Applicants herein cancel claims 45-65.

Accordingly, all pending claims in the subject application are allowed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance in the subject application.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

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